

# CSE 332: Data Structures and Parallelism

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Lecture 2: Stacks, Queues and  
Algorithm Analysis

# Announcements

- Section on Thursday
- Project #1: Partner request by 6 pm today
  - Pair programming: work together!
- Exercise #1: Due Friday
  - Computer set up and some programming
- Reading, Weiss
  - Algorithm Analysis: 2.1-2.4
  - Stacks and Queues: 3.1-3.7

# First Example: Queue ADT

- FIFO: First In First Out
- Queue operations

create

enqueue

dequeue

is\_empty

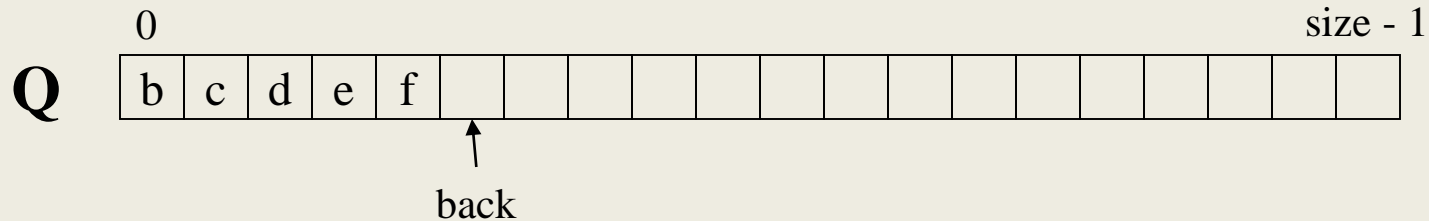


# Queues in practice

- Print jobs
- File serving
- Phone calls and operators

(Later, we will consider “priority queues.”)

# Array Queue Data Structure



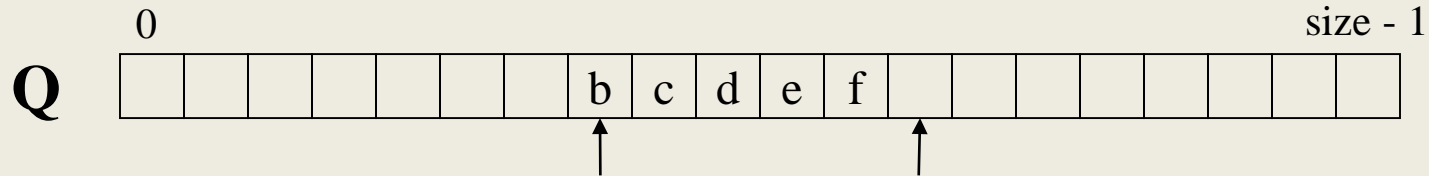
```
enqueue (Object x) {  
    Q[back] = x  
    back = back + 1  
}
```

```
dequeue () {  
    x = Q[0]  
    shiftLeftOne()  
    back = back - 1  
    return x  
}
```

What's missing in these functions?

How to find K-th element in the queue?

# Circular Array Queue Data Structure



```
enqueue(Object x) {  
    assert(!is_full())  
    Q[back] = x  
    back = (back + 1) % Q.size  
}
```

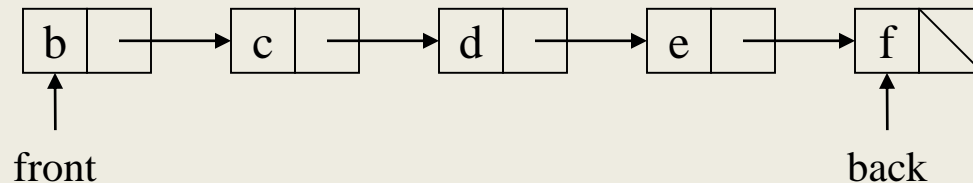
How test for empty/full list?

```
dequeue() {  
    assert(!is_empty())  
    x = Q[front]  
    front = (front + 1) % Q.size  
    return x  
}
```

How to find K-th element in the queue?

What to do when full?

# Linked List Queue Data Structure



```
void enqueue(Object x) {  
    if (is_empty())  
        front = back = new Node(x)  
    else {  
        back.next = new Node(x)  
        back = back.next  
    }  
}
```

```
bool is_empty() {  
    return front == null  
}
```

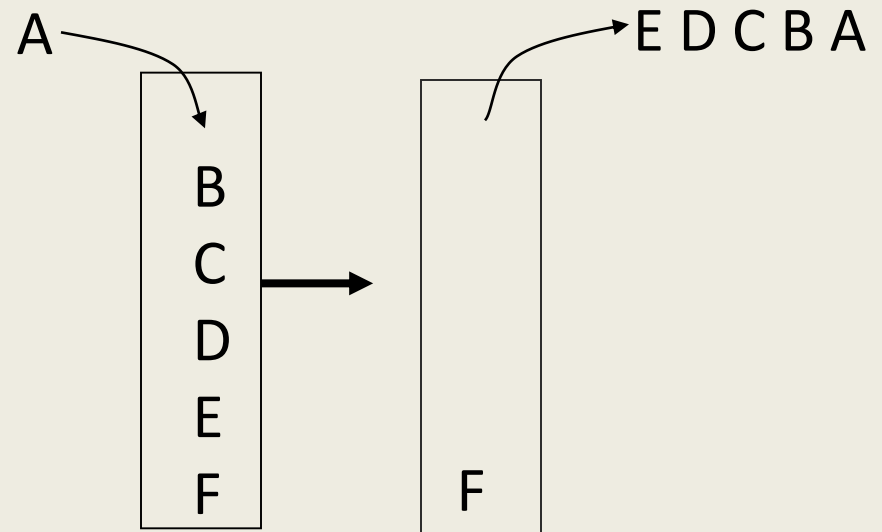
```
Object dequeue() {  
    assert(!is_empty())  
    return_data = front.data  
    temp = front  
    front = front.next  
    delete temp  
    return return_data  
}
```

# Circular Array vs. Linked List

- Advantages of circular array?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Advantages of linked list?

# Second Example: Stack ADT

- LIFO: Last In First Out
- Stack operations
  - create
  - push
  - pop
  - top
  - is\_empty



# Stacks in Practice

- Function call stack
- Removing recursion
- Balancing symbols (parentheses)
- Evaluating postfix or “reverse Polish” notation

# Algorithm Analysis

# Algorithm Analysis

- Correctness:
  - Does the algorithm do what is intended.
- Performance:
  - Speed: **time complexity**
  - Memory: **space complexity**
- Why analyze?
  - To make good design decisions
  - Enable you to look at an algorithm (or code) and identify the bottlenecks, etc.

# How to measure performance?

# Analyzing Performance

We will focus on analyzing time complexity. First, we have some “rules” to help measure how long it takes to do things:

<b>Basic operations</b>	Constant time
<b>Consecutive statements</b>	Sum of times
<b>Conditionals</b>	Test, plus larger branch cost
<b>Loops</b>	Sum of iterations
<b>Function calls</b>	Cost of function body
<b>Recursive functions</b>	Solve recurrence relation...

Second, we will be interested in **Worse** performance (average and best case sometimes).

# Complexity cases

We'll start by focusing on two cases.

Problem size **N**

- **Worst-case complexity:** **max** # steps algorithm takes on “most challenging” input of size **N**
- **Best-case complexity:** **min** # steps algorithm takes on “easiest” input of size **N**



# Linear Search Analysis

```
bool LinearArrayContains(int array[], int n, int key ) {  
    for( int i = 0; i < n; i++ ) {  
        if( array[i] == key )  
            // Found it!  
            return true;  
    }  
    return false;  
}
```

Best Case:

Worst Case:

# Binary Search Analysis

2	3	5	16	37	50	73	75
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```
bool BinArrayContains( int array[], int low, int high, int key ) {  
    // The subarray is empty  
    if( low > high ) return false;  
  
    // Search this subarray recursively  
    int mid = (high + low) / 2;  
    if( key == array[mid] ) {  
        return true;  
    } else if( key < array[mid] ) {  
        return BinArrayFind( array, low, mid-1, key );  
    } else {  
        return BinArrayFind( array, mid+1, high, key );  
    }  
}
```

Best case:

Worst case:

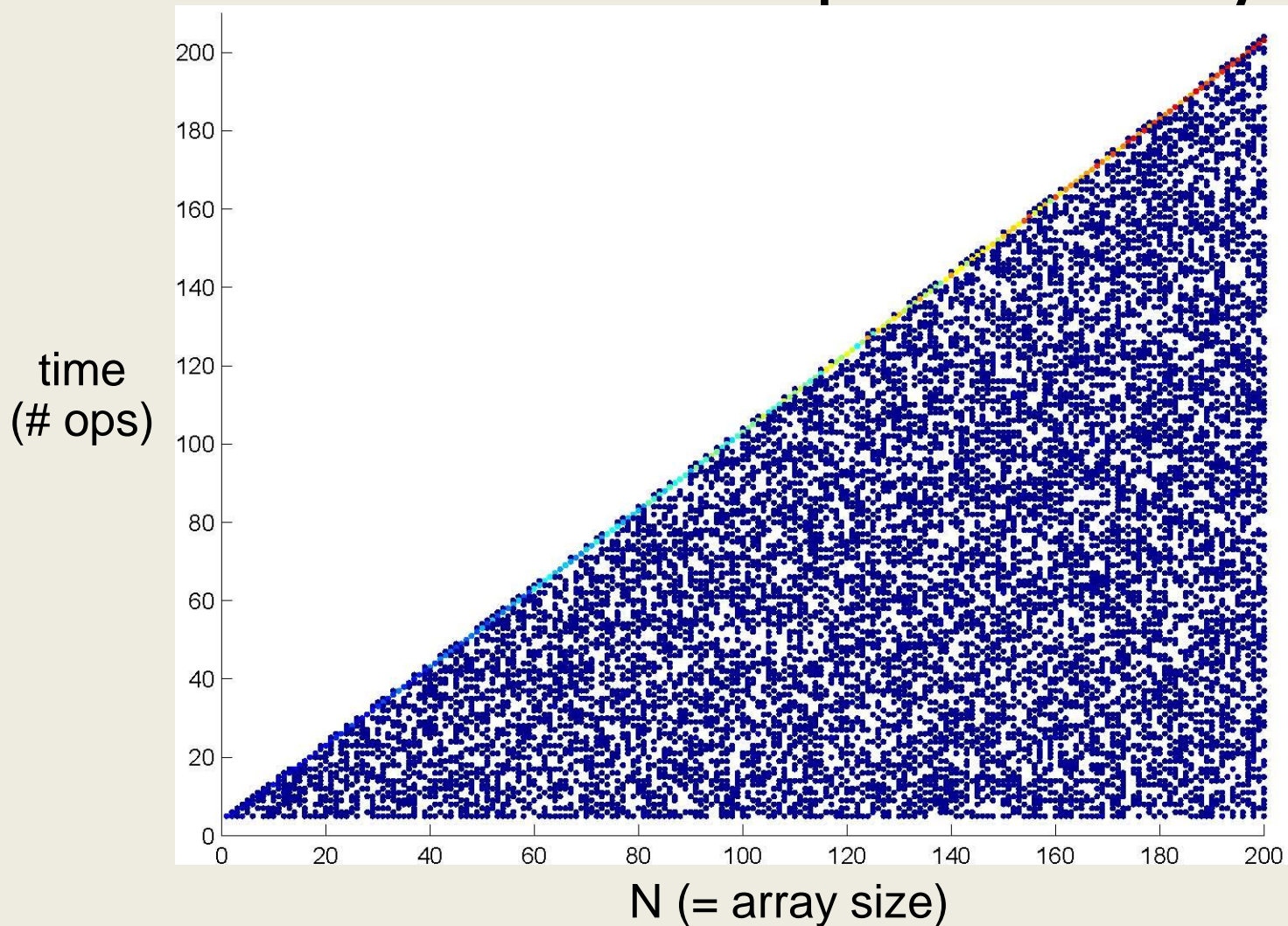
# Solving Recurrence Relations

1. Determine the recurrence relation and base case(s).
2. “Expand” the original relation to find an equivalent expression *in terms of the number of expansions ( $k$ )*.
3. Find a closed-form expression by setting  $k$  to a value which reduces the problem to a base case

# Linear Search vs Binary Search

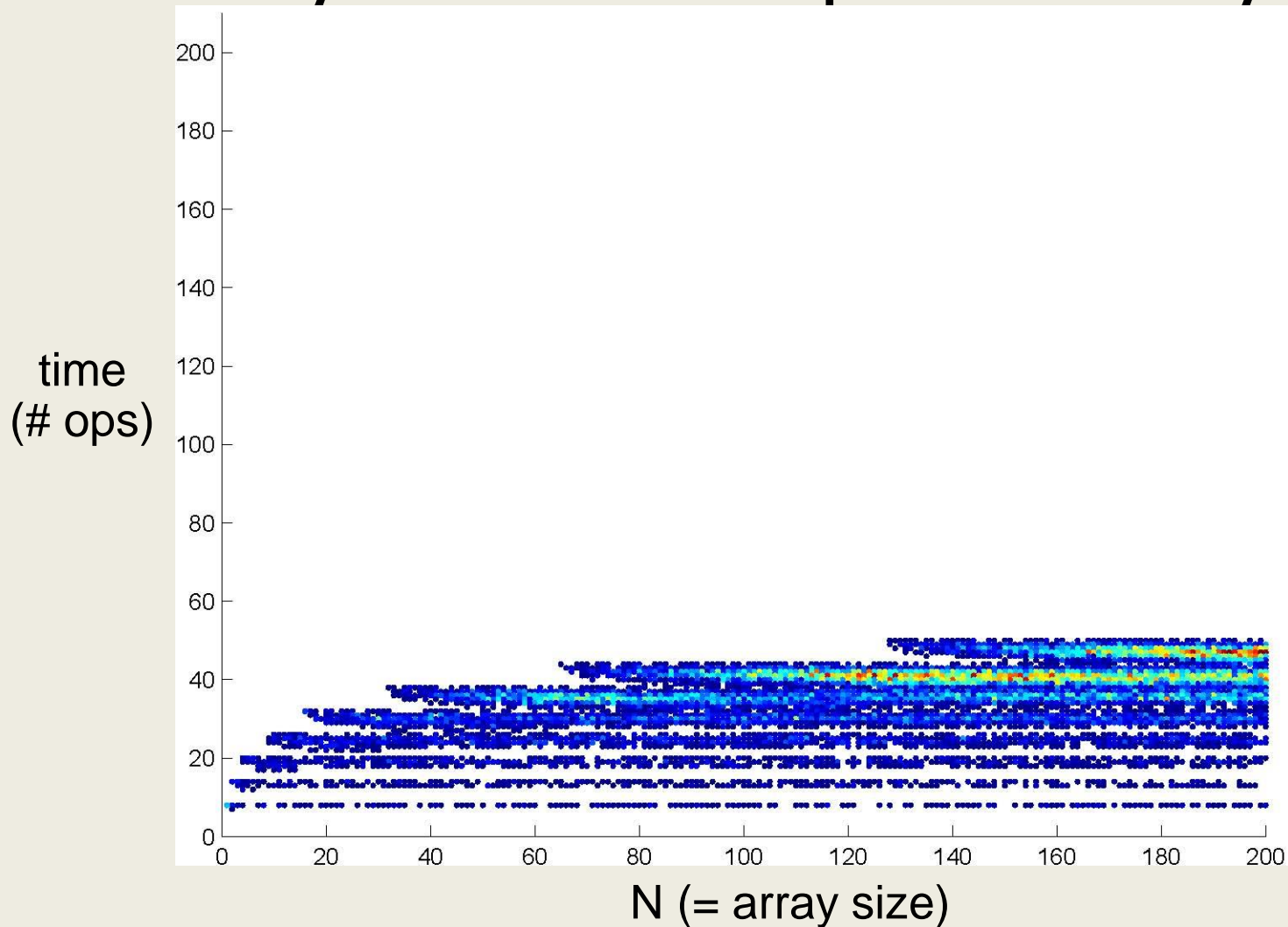
	Linear Search	Binary Search
Best Case	4	5 at [middle]
Worst Case	$3n+3$	$7 \lfloor \log n \rfloor + 9$

# Linear search—empirical analysis



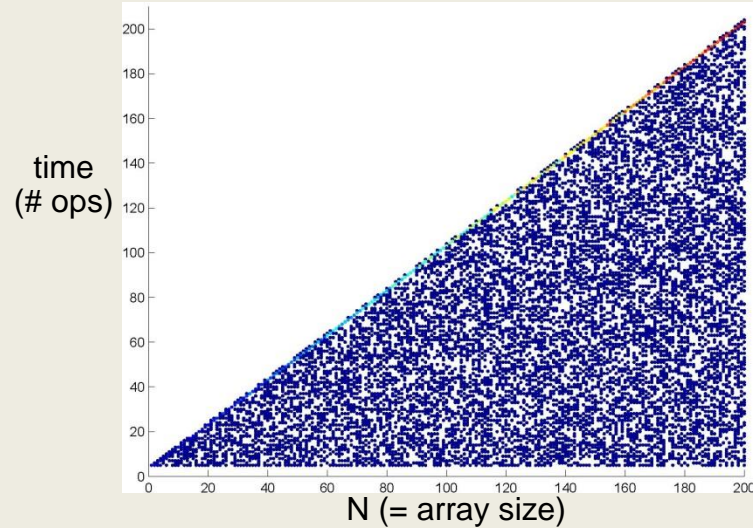
Each search produces a dot in above graph.  
Blue = less frequently occurring, Red = more frequent

# Binary search—empirical analysis

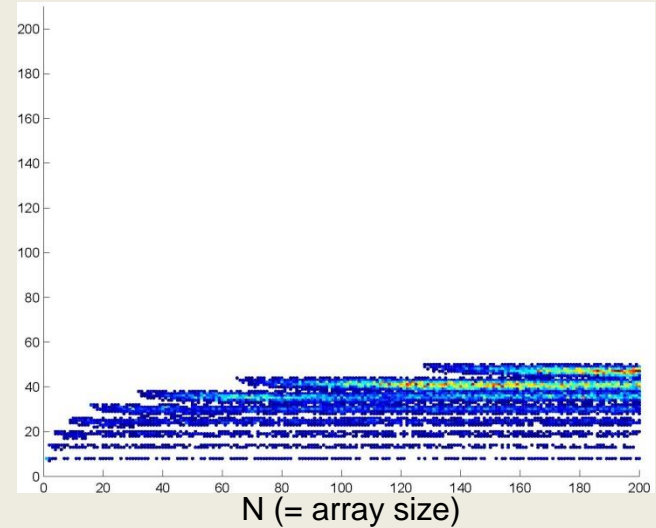


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# Empirical comparison



Linear search



Binary search

Gives additional information

# Asymptotic Analysis

- Consider only the *order* of the running time
  - A valuable tool when the input gets “large”
  - **Ignores** the effects of *different machines* or *different implementations* of same algorithm

# Asymptotic Analysis

- To find the asymptotic runtime, throw away the constants and low-order terms

– Linear search is

$$T_{\text{worst}}^{LS}(n) = 3n + 3 \in O(n)$$

– Binary search is

$$T_{\text{worst}}^{BS}(n) = 7 \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 9 \in O(\log n)$$

*Remember: the “fastest” algorithm has the slowest growing function for its runtime*

# Asymptotic Analysis

Eliminate low order terms

$$- 4n + 5 \Rightarrow$$

$$- 0.5 n \log n + 2n + 7 \Rightarrow$$

$$- n^3 + 3 \cdot 2^n + 8n \Rightarrow$$

Eliminate coefficients

$$- 4n \Rightarrow$$

$$- 0.5 n \log n \Rightarrow$$

$$- 3 \cdot 2^n \Rightarrow$$

# Properties of Logs

Basic:

- $A^{\log_A B} = B$
- $\log_A A =$

Independent of base:

- $\log(AB) =$
- $\log(A/B) =$
- $\log(A^B) =$
- $\log((A^B)^C) =$

# Properties of Logs

Changing base → multiply by constant

- For example:  $\log_2 x = 3.22 \log_{10} x$
- More generally

$$\log_A n = \left( \frac{1}{\log_B A} \right) \log_B n$$

- Means we can ignore the base for asymptotic analysis (since we're ignoring constant multipliers)

# Another example

- Eliminate low-order terms
- Eliminate constant coefficients

$$16n^3 \log_8(10n^2) + 100n^2$$

# Comparing functions

- $f(n)$  is an **upper bound** for  $h(n)$   
if  $h(n) \leq f(n)$  for all  $n$

This is too strict – we mostly care about *large*  $n$

Still too strict if we want to ignore *scale factors*

# Definition of Order Notation

- $h(n) \in O(f(n))$                       Big-O “Order”

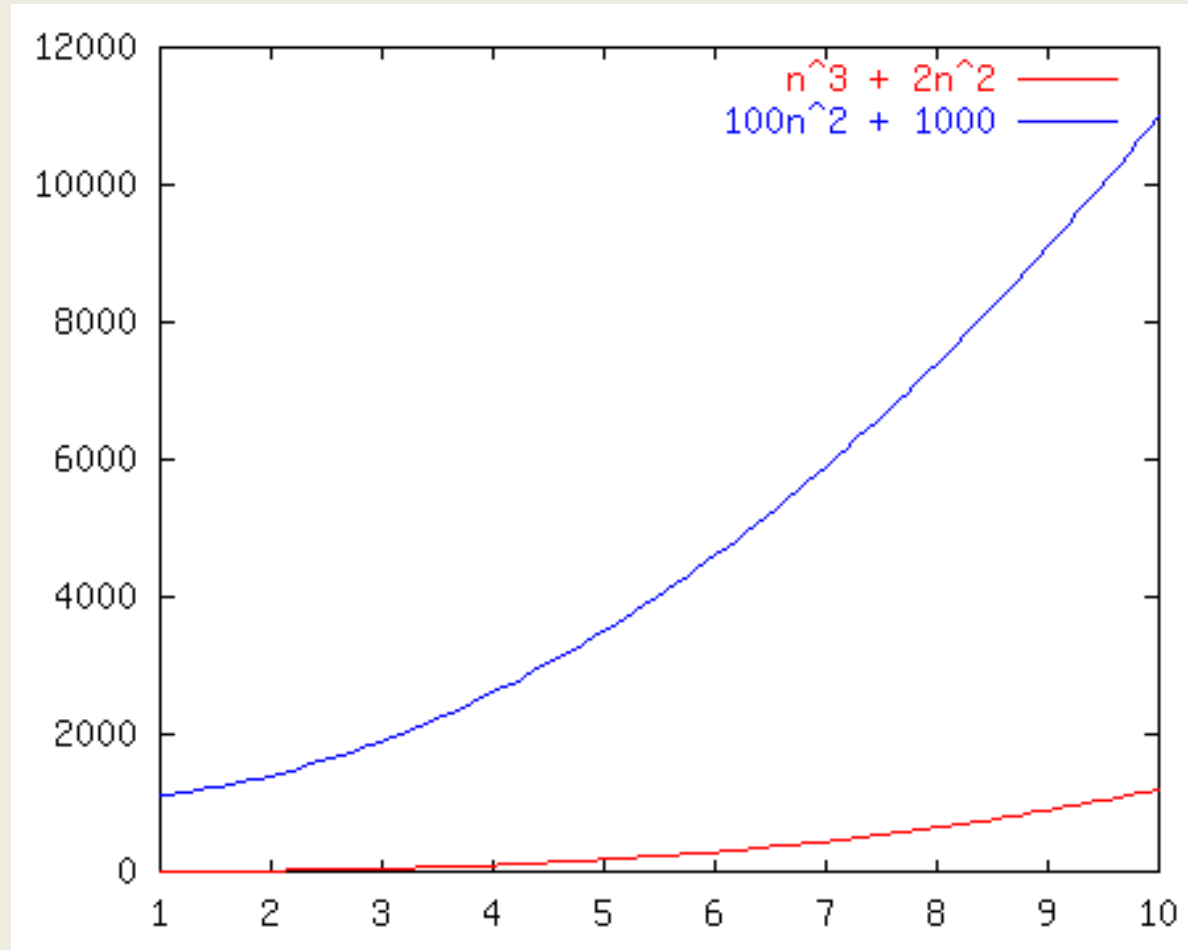
if there exist positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$   
such that  $h(n) \leq c f(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$

$O(f(n))$  defines a class (set) of functions

# Order Notation: Intuition

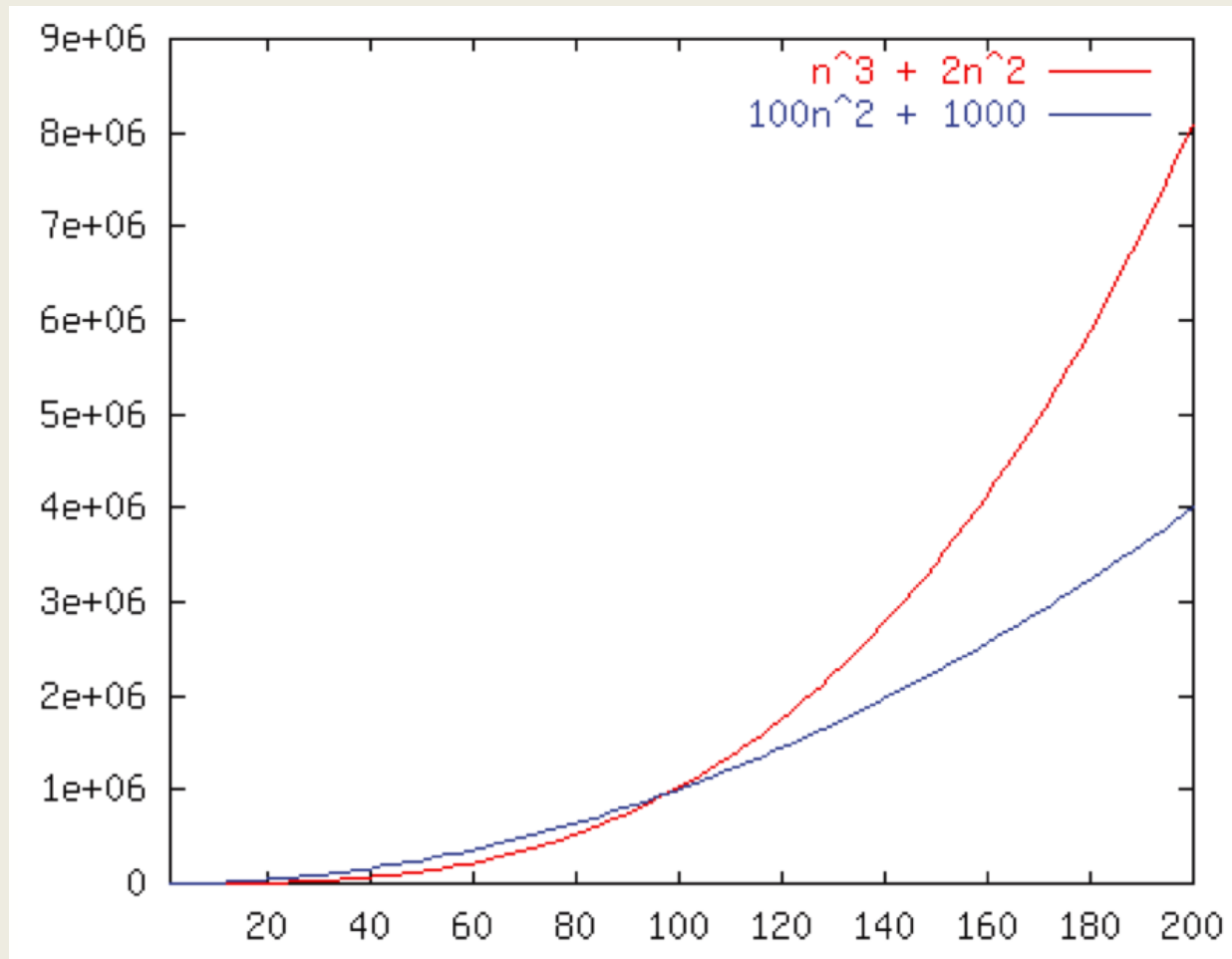
$$a(n) = n^3 + 2n^2$$

$$b(n) = 100n^2 + 1000$$



Although not yet apparent, as  $n$  gets “sufficiently large”,  $a(n)$  will be “greater than or equal to”  $b(n)$

# Order Notation: Example



$$100n^2 + 1000 \leq (n^3 + 2n^2) \text{ for all } n \geq 100$$

$$\text{So } 100n^2 + 1000 \in O(n^3 + 2n^2)$$

# Example

$h(n) \in O(f(n))$  iff there exist positive constants  $c$   
and  $n_0$  such that:  
 $h(n) \leq c f(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$

Example:

$$100n^2 + 1000 \leq 1 (n^3 + 2n^2) \text{ for all } n \geq 100$$

$$\text{So } 100n^2 + 1000 \in O(n^3 + 2n^2)$$

# Constants are not unique

$h(n) \in O(f(n))$  iff there exist positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that:  
 $h(n) \leq c f(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$

Example:

$$100n^2 + 1000 \leq 1 (n^3 + 2n^2) \text{ for all } n \geq 100$$

$$100n^2 + 1000 \leq 1/2 (n^3 + 2n^2) \text{ for all } n \geq 198$$

# Another Example: Binary Search

$h(n) \in O(f(n))$  iff there exist positive constants  $c$   
and  $n_0$  such that:  
 $h(n) \leq c f(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$

Is  $7\log_2 n + 9 \in O(\log_2 n)$ ?

# Order Notation: Worst Case Binary Search

# Some Notes on Notation

Sometimes you'll see (e.g., in Weiss)

$$h(n) = O(f(n))$$

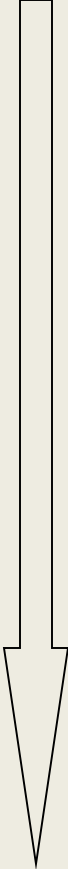
or

$$h(n) \text{ is } O(f(n))$$

These are equivalent to

$$h(n) \in O(f(n))$$

# Big-O: Common Names

- 
- constant:  $O(1)$
  - logarithmic:  $O(\log n)$  ( $\log_k n, \log n^2 \in O(\log n)$ )
  - linear:  $O(n)$
  - log-linear:  $O(n \log n)$
  - quadratic:  $O(n^2)$
  - cubic:  $O(n^3)$
  - polynomial:  $O(n^k)$  (k is a constant)
  - exponential:  $O(c^n)$  (c is a constant  $> 1$ )

# Asymptotic Lower Bounds

- $\Omega( g(n) )$  is the set of all functions asymptotically **greater than or equal** to  $g(n)$
- $h(n) \in \Omega( g(n) )$  iff  
There exist  $c > 0$  and  $n_0 > 0$  such that  $h(n) \geq c g(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$

# Asymptotic Tight Bound

- $\theta(f(n))$  is the set of all functions asymptotically equal to  $f(n)$
- $h(n) \in \theta(f(n))$  iff  
 $h(n) \in O(f(n))$  and  $h(n) \in \Omega(f(n))$ 
  - This is equivalent to:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(n)/f(n) = c \neq 0$$

# Full Set of Asymptotic Bounds

- $O(f(n))$  is the set of all functions asymptotically **less than or equal** to  $f(n)$ 
  - $o(f(n))$  is the set of all functions asymptotically **strictly less than**  $f(n)$
- $\Omega(g(n))$  is the set of all functions asymptotically **greater than or equal** to  $g(n)$ 
  - $\omega(g(n))$  is the set of all functions asymptotically **strictly greater than**  $g(n)$
- $\Theta(f(n))$  is the set of all functions asymptotically **equal** to  $f(n)$

# Formal Definitions

- $h(n) \in O(f(n))$  iff  
There exist  $c > 0$  and  $n_0 > 0$  such that  $h(n) \leq c f(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$
- $h(n) \in o(f(n))$  iff  
There exists an  $n_0 > 0$  such that  $h(n) < c f(n)$  for all  $c > 0$  and  $n \geq n_0$ 
  - This is equivalent to:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(n)/f(n) = 0$
- $h(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$  iff  
There exist  $c > 0$  and  $n_0 > 0$  such that  $h(n) \geq c g(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$
- $h(n) \in \omega(g(n))$  iff  
There exists an  $n_0 > 0$  such that  $h(n) > c g(n)$  for all  $c > 0$  and  $n \geq n_0$ 
  - This is equivalent to:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(n)/g(n) = \infty$
- $h(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$  iff  
 $h(n) \in O(f(n))$  and  $h(n) \in \Omega(f(n))$ 
  - This is equivalent to:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(n)/f(n) = c \neq 0$

# Big-Omega et al. Intuitively

Asymptotic Notation	Mathematics Relation
$O$	$\leq$
$\Omega$	$\geq$
$\theta$	$=$
$o$	$<$
$\omega$	$>$

# Complexity cases (revisited)

## Problem size **N**

- **Worst-case complexity:** **max** # steps algorithm takes on “most challenging” input of size **N**
- **Best-case complexity:** **min** # steps algorithm takes on “easiest” input of size **N**
- **Average-case complexity:** **avg** # steps algorithm takes on *random* inputs of size **N**
- **Amortized complexity:** **max** total # steps algorithm takes on **M** “most challenging” *consecutive* inputs of size **N**, divided by **M** (i.e., divide the max total by **M**).

# Bounds vs. Cases

Two orthogonal axes:

## – Bound Flavor

- Upper bound ( $O, o$ )
- Lower bound ( $\Omega, \omega$ )
- Asymptotically tight ( $\theta$ )

## – Analysis Case

- Worst Case (Adversary),  $T_{\text{worst}}(n)$
- Average Case,  $T_{\text{avg}}(n)$
- Best Case,  $T_{\text{best}}(n)$
- Amortized,  $T_{\text{amort}}(n)$

One can estimate the bounds for any given case.